



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

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## NEWS FOR VETERANS

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### SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO HOLD BRIEFINGS ON STATUS OF FUTURE LANCASTER AND VENTURA VETERANS HOMES

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Thomas Johnson will be in Southern California on Thursday, June 17, 2004 to update veterans, elected officials, and the general public regarding the status of the future Veterans Homes of California being built in the cities of Lancaster and Ventura.

Secretary Johnson will conduct the following two briefings:

1. **9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**  
Lancaster City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
44933 N. Fern Avenue  
Lancaster, CA 93534
2. **11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
Ventura City Hall  
501 Poli Street  
Ventura, CA 93002

Robert Glazier, Deputy Secretary for Communications, Legislation, and Public Affairs and Bob Johnson, Chief of Capital Development and Construction Division will be assisting Secretary Thomas Johnson at these briefings.

In 2000, California voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 16 which made \$50 million in General Obligation bonds available for building new veterans homes in California and for remodeling existing homes. In 2002, AB 2559 (Wesson) was passed authorizing the construction of three additional veterans homes in Southern California in Lancaster, Ventura, and West Los Angeles. Once these homes are constructed, veterans will have 5 veterans' homes in Southern California they will be able to call home. SB 1234 (Johannessen), which requested \$62 million in Lease Revenue Bonds for construction of veterans homes in the cities of Fresno and Redding, SB 1773 (Chesbro) and AB 2953 (Wiggins) which authorized improvements at the Yountville Veterans Home were also approved in 2002.

The Veterans Homes of California at Lancaster and Ventura will focus on Adult Day Health Care and Residential Care for the Elderly. When necessary, member residents will be able to transfer to the West Los Angeles veterans' home to receive skilled nursing care. The veterans' homes in Fresno and Redding will offer Residential Care for the Elderly and Skilled Nursing Care.

These five new veterans homes, serving as many as 1,200 veterans, will be constructed through a 65 percent federal and 35 percent state partnership.

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#### **JOIN KFBK TALK RADIO IN SENDING WWII VETERANS TO WASHINGTON D.C. TO VISIT THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS MEMORIAL**

The California Department of Veterans Affairs joins KFBK Talk Radio in encouraging the veteran community to donate money so that World War II veterans can visit the World War II Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. completely free. Every \$1200 raised will allow one more veterans to make the trip to visit this memorial built in their honor. This trip is scheduled to depart Sacramento on Monday, June 21, 2004. So, donate today!! Donating is easy. Simply visit KFBK's website at [www.kfbk.com](http://www.kfbk.com) and donate directly via the internet. Let's all donate and get as many Sacramento World War II veterans on the **FREEDOM FLIGHT TO THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL** and on their way to Washington D.C.

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